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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE REVISED PARAGRAPH  
10 MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF SEPTTEL ON THIS SUBJECT.

"THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGREES ON THE FOLLOWING  
GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE:

(A) MOST OF THE CENTRE'S WORK SHOULD BE ON LONG TERM  
DEVELOPMENT ISSUES. IN DEALING WITH THESE, THE  
CENTRE'S ACTIVITIES SHOULD ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT  
MORE IMMEDIATE POLICY PROBLEMS THAT ARE OF WIDE-  
SPREAD CONCERN TO OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
RELATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM OF USEFUL  
RESULTS;

(B) THE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE SHOULD RETAIN FLEXIBILITY  
IN THE USE OF ITS RESOURCES TO RESCHEDULE, IF  
NECESSARY, SOME OF ITS RESEARCH AND CONFERENCE  
ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO  
REQUESTS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE ORGANIZATION OR FROM  
DELEGATIONS CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY IF SUCH WORK FALLS  
WITHIN ITS AREAS OF CONCENTRATION OR DRAWS ON PAST  
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WORK OF THE CENTRE. DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE CONSULTED

PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH WORK;

(C) THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE SHOULD PROVIDE OECD MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WITH FULL OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE KNOWN THEIR VIEWS AS TO THE SUBSTANCE AND POLICY RELEVANCE OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES. THIS COULD BE DONE AS FOLLOWS:

(I) ONCE A YEAR, A MEETING SHOULD BE ORGANIZED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD WITH EXPERTS FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES CONVERSANT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO DISCUSS THE BASIS, ORIENTATION AND PROGRESS OF THE CENTRE'S WORK, INCLUDING ITS PRIORITIES AND AREAS OF CONCENTRATION. THIS MEETING SHOULD BE HELD AT SUCH A TIME THAT ITS CONCLUSIONS CAN BE TAKEN INTO FULL ACCOUNT IN THE PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET OF THE CENTRE;

(II) WRITTEN INFORMATION SPELLING OUT THE OBJECTIVES AND RESOURCES REQUIRED IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO DELEGATIONS IN ADVANCE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY NEW OR FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY TO BE INITIATED BY THE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE. THIS WOULD ALSO APPLY TO WORK UNDERTAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF OTHER PARTS OF THE ORGANIZATION;

(III) EACH MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD WOULD BE PRECEDED BY AN INFORMAL PREPARATORY MEETING WITH DELEGATIONS, WHERE THE LATTER CAN MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN, BOTH AS TO THE ADEQUACY OF SUCH INFORMATION AND ITS CONTENT."

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